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Puetnitz Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. In June 1951, the German in charge of the improvement of Puetnitz airfield was construction superintendent Ulrich (fnu). The Soviet officer in charge was Air Force Major Shashenko (fnu) (phonetic spelling) who previously had supervised the expansion of Wittstock airfield. His higher headquarters was believed to be located in Potsdam because he was picked up there almost every week by a biplane. [redacted] he also had been flown to Potsdam.

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2. About 1,300 to 2,000 construction workers, working two shifts, were employed at the field. From 70 to 90 Soviet Air Force personnel, who were quartered with the construction staff, were also stationed at the field. According to an order by Major Shashenko, the improvement of the runway had to be completed by 1 October. The bed of the runway was wholly excavated and the earth was used to level out the landing field. The runway was provided with a 15-cm layer of gravel and a 15-cm layer of concrete. The runway was about two thirds concreted. (1) Concreting started from the northeastern point of the runway because the drainage system was still under construction on the southwestern portion of the runway. The surface of the runway consisted of concrete plates 4 x 5 meters. [redacted] the expansion joints were poorly constructed so that they will probably cause cracks in the surface of the runway. The concrete slabs which were laid over swampy terrain and small puddles are better enforced and thicker than the standard slabs. This was especially the case in the wooded area in the northeastern section of the runway after this area was drained. Cement, gravel, and sand used for the concrete surface were mixed at the ratio of 1:2:2.

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3. Drainage ditches 60 cm deep and inclined to the west were built along both sides of the runway. The runway had a fall

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of 30 cm per 15-meters. The southwestern portion of the runway was provided with a main drainage ditch which was up to 4 meters deep and carried the water into Sankar Bay (Baltic Sea).

4. The old fuel dump at the field was not in operation. Motor vehicle [redacted] at the field [redacted] and truck [redacted] (2) after completion of Puetnitz airfield [redacted] (3)

5. On 26 June, Puetnitz airfield was cordoned off by the Volkspolizei. Work on the transfer of the Bodden Shipyard was under way. [redacted] about 2,000 men, working two shifts, were engaged in excavating and in the construction of a railroad track at the field. The settlement for the workers of the Bodden Shipyard was included in the fenced-in airfield area. 50X1-HUM

6. On 15 July, construction work was being done at Puetnitz airfield. Soviet military personnel but no aircraft were stationed at the field. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Some installations of the shipyard were already being dismantled. A total of 25 cutters in various stages of construction were seen at the shipyard. 50X1-HUM

7. On 15 July, about 600 workers were leveling and building a runway at Puetnitz airfield. Construction was supervised by the Volkspolizei. Soviet soldiers were not seen. [redacted] the field was scheduled to be serviceable by the fall of 1951. 50X1-HUM

8. On 19 July, about 30 Soviet Air Force men and motor vehicle were observed at Puetnitz airfield. Two hangars were closed. A third hangar was used by the Bodden Shipyard. Four small wooden sheds, apparently construction sheds, were seen at the southwestern end of the runway where excavation was under way. The cutting of trees and leveling work west of the Boddenwerft railroad station indicated that construction work was planned on this site. The excavated earth was used for leveling work at the northeastern edge of the field. The newly built administration building was plastered.

9. A radio installation was set up about 600 meters from the eastern end of the runway, on the western perimeter of Jangarten. (4) An antenna mast fitted on a three-story building, from which an antenna was suspended to a mast 12 meters high and about 30 meters away, was seen.

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- (1) The construction of a concrete runway at Puetnitz airfield is confirmed. This runway will be about 2,800 meters long. Its concrete surface will apparently be as thick as the one at Finow airfield. There are no indications that Puetnitz airfield is going to be occupied by heavy aircraft. 50X1-HUM
- (2) Motor vehicle [REDACTED] belong to a unit stationed at Neubrandenburg airfield. [REDACTED]
- (3) This construction work is reported for the first time.
- (4) It is not known what unit operates this radio installation.

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